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# Unilever statement on Ben & Jerry's decision

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The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a very complex and sensitive situation. As a global company, Unilever's brands are available in more than 190 countries and in all of them, our priority is to serve consumers with essential products that contribute to their health, wellbeing and enjoyment.

We remain fully committed to our presence in Israel, where we have invested in our people, brands and business for several decades.

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Ben & Jerry's was acquired by Unilever in 2000. As part of the acquisition agreement, we have always recognised the right of the brand and its independent Board to take decisions about its social mission. We also welcome the fact that Ben & Jerry's will stay in Israel.

[Please read Ben & Jerry's statement here.](#)

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